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December 16, 1998

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Re: Permit Deficiencies & Permit Transfer, Advanced Minerals Tech. LC, Ursa Major Mine, S/055/017 (UTU-71642), Wayne County, Utah

Dear Mr. Robinson:

After our phone conversation on December 15, 1998, I reviewed the contents of our file for the Ursa Major Mine. Enclosed for your records is a copy of the initial notice forwarded to our office by the BLM with their January 14, 1998 letter. Also enclosed is a copy of our February 18, 1998 deficiency letter to the BLM. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Division and the BLM describes the coordination of regulatory review and information sharing between agencies. Since this project is on BLM lands, the BLM is considered the lead permit agency. The Division deficiency letter was sent to the BLM to be forwarded to Carl Huest, the designated operator for Advanced Minerals Tech. LC.

Two issues need to be resolved with the Division for this small mine notice. One issue is the resolution of the deficiencies in the original notice, and the second issue is the new designated operator.

The deficiency in the original notice was the lack of documentation or justification for not replacing topsoil or revegetating the project disturbance. A Division inspection of the general project vicinity was performed on 10/8/98 which confirmed the lack of vegetation in the general area. To resolve this issue, please provide a photocopy of the quad map (Town Point) with borders drawn around the proposed project area and provide photographs of this project area to document the lack of vegetation.

To resolve the change in designated operator you will need to complete a permit transfer form. The original notice did not mention your name or connection with Advanced Minerals Tech. LC. A copy of the Transfer of Notice of Intention - Small Mining Operations" form is

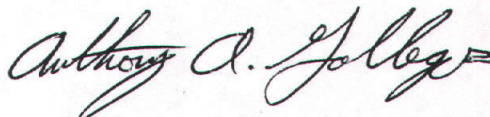
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enclosed for your use. This form requires the signature of both the old operator and new operator. Please complete the form and return it to the Division for processing.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Division's form "Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations." This form describes the information required by the Division and the Operation and Reclamation Practices which apply to small mining operations. Please complete this form and return it to the Division if your currently proposed operations have changed significantly from the operations proposed in the original notice. You may add attachments to this form if the space provided is inadequate or if you wish to provide supplemental information.

Thank you for your cooperation in completing these forms. If you have any questions regarding this letter or the forms please call me at (801) 538-5267. We will provide the BLM with copies of information you submit to our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony A. Gallegos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a stylized "G" and "S" at the end.

Anthony A. Gallegos
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosures: BLM 1/14/98 letter & notice, DOGM 2/16/98 letter, NOI-SMO form, MR-TRS form
cc: Buzz Rakow, BLM Hanksville FO (UTU-71642)
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